

**Kurt E. Olson-Republican-House District 30**

**Residence Address:**

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**Age:**

66

**Place of Birth:**

Sacramento, California

**Spouse's Name:**

Barbara Olson (married 38 years)

**Children's Names:**

Madelyn, Valerie

**Occupation:**

Legislator

**Length of Residency in Alaska:**

37 years

**Alaskan communities lived in:**

Anchorage 1977-1982  
Kenai 1982-1995  
Soldotna 1995-present

**Education:**

Cupertino High School (Cupertino, CA) graduated 1966  
California State University Long Beach, B.A. 1977

**Political and Government Positions:**

USAF, 1967-1971. Sgt., Honorable Discharge

**Business and Professional Positions:**

Alaska House of Representatives, 5 terms  
Chair, Labor and Commerce, Oil & Gas, Co-Chair of Community and Regional Affairs.  
Current committees: Labor & Commerce, Vice-Chair rules, Legislative Budget and Audit,  
Community and Regional Affairs and Fisheries  
Soldotna City Council, 2 years  
Central Emergency Services-Service area Board of Directors 8 years, Chair 3yrs.  
Alaska Legislative Aide, commercial lines insurance broker, custom seafood processor,  
and Kenai Peninsula tourism industry.

**Service Organizations Membership:**

Rotary (Spenard, Kenai and Soldotna), Soldotna Elks, Peninsula Winter Games board of Directors, Kenai and Soldotna Chambers of Commerce (Board of directors-Soldotna, 5 years), and the Kenai Wild Salmon Brand Board of Directors.

**Special Interests:**

Fishing, hiking and photography.

**Statement:**

It has been an honor and a privilege to represent you in Juneau for the past five terms. I am running again because we are at a crossroads, one path will lead us to jobs, an educated workforce, prosperity and rational utilization of our vast natural resources. The other path will not. I believe that I have the skill-sets and knowledge to find the first path. We are now closer than ever to not only monetizing our standard North Slope natural gas, but utilizing a portion of it in-state both to heat and power our homes and for value added industries.

The 28<sup>th</sup> legislature was a success. We continued to adequately fund education, we took strides to keep the retirement system solvent by reducing future payments, and save money for the lean years. Until the gas line comes on line and the through-put in TAPS increases, we must guard against overspending at every level of government. I have the budgeting experience for this important task while making sure communities see a fair share of capital projects funding.

I have worked not only on energy issues but on reducing the workers' compensation insurance impact on both small and large businesses. Recently, Governor Parnell came to our district and signed three pieces of legislation that should have a significant impact on workers compensation rates.

Thank you again for allowing me to represent you. I ask for your vote and thank you for exercising one of our most basic rights by voting.

